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SUBJECT: GOM-DPRK AND GOM-PRC RELATIONS

1. IN RESPONSE MY INQUIRY JUNE 20, BURRENCHOBAY, PERMSECY PRIMIN'S OFFICE, INFORMED ME PRIMIN RAMGOOLAM HAS AGREED VISIT NORTH KOREA JULY 15-18 TRAVELLING VIA BOMBAY, RANGOON AND PEKING. BURRENCHOBAY DID NOT INDICATE WHAT SPECIFIC TOPICS PRIMIN EXPECTED DISCUSS IN PYONGYANG, BUT REMARKED THAT WHILE GOM HAD FORMERLY BEEN INCLINED MORE TOWARD SOUTH THAN NORTH KOREA IN PAST, GOM HAD SHIFTED TO MORE EVEN HANDED POSTURE TOWARD BOTH KOREAS SINCE UN AGREED ACCEPT OBSERVER DELEGATIONS FROM NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. (I UNDERSTAND GOM AMBASSADOR TO UN RAMPHUL VISITED BOTH SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA LATE MAY EARLY JUNE THIS YEAR, AT INVITATION ROKG AND DPRK.)

2. ACCORDING BURRENCHOBAY, WHO EXPECTS ACCOMPANY PRIMIN,
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LATTER PLANS TWO-THREE DAY STOP IN PEKING ON WAY BACK FOR FURTHER

NEGOTIATIONS ON CHINESE AIRPORT PROJECT HERE. BURRENCHOBAY SAID THESE NEGOTIATIONS NOW STALLED AGAIN BECAUSE (A) GOM HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE OBTAIN CPR AGREEMENT FOR GOM TO SEEK CERTAIN TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING ADVANCED ELECTRONIC GEAR, FOR AIRPORT FROM OTHER COUNTRIES; (CHINESE APPARENTLY CANNOT SUPPLY CERTAIN EQUIPMENT GOM WANTS, WHICH PM WOULD LIKE OBTAIN FROM WEST GERMANY OR FRANCE) AND (B) CHINESE APPARENTLY HOLDING BACK ON AIRPORT WHILE TRYING FORCE GOM THROW OUT CHINAT RICE ADVISORY TEAM. HE SAID GOM NOT WILLING THROW THEM OUT BUT PREFERRED EASE THEM OUT BY NOT REPLACING THEM WHEN THEIR PRESENT CONTRACT EXPIRES ONE YEAR HENCE.

3. BURRENCHOBAY CLAIMED IN NEGOTIATIONS SO FAR GOM HAS SUCCESSFULLY INSISTED ON TIGHT LIMITS AND CONTROLS ON CHINESE TECHNICIANS ASSIGNED TO AIRPORT PROJECT, I.E., MAXIMUM OF 150 AND CONSIDERABLY LESS IF QUALIFIED MAURITIANS CAN BE FOUND OR TRAINED IN SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME FOR EACH NECESSARY TECHNICAL SPECIALITY. HE ADDED THAT WHEN WORK GETS STARTED, GOM MIGHT EASE THESE RESTRICTIONS SOMEWHAT IN INTEREST OF NOT LETTING CHINESE TRY TO DRAG OUT PROJECT TOO LONG.
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